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RE: Snohomish County Addendum No. 1 to the VISION 2040 FEIS relating to repealing the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) for Snohomish County and adopting new CPPs

Dear Interested Citizen,

This letter is to notify you that the Snohomish County Department of Planning and Development Services (PDS) has issued Addendum No. 1 to the Puget Sound Regional Council's Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for VISION 2040. The purpose of Addendum No. 1 is to provide environmental information relating to the non-project action to consider repealing the current Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) for Snohomish County and adopting new CPPs for Snohomish County.

The information in this Addendum adds to the analysis of previously identified significant impacts of the alternatives in the VISION 2040 FEIS issued in March 2008. PDS has determined that this information does not significantly change the analysis of impacts and alternatives contained in the VISION 2040 FEIS, nor does it identify new or significantly different impacts. Addendum No. 1 is being issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-625 to meet Snohomish County's State Environmental Policy Act responsibility. No comment period is required for this Addendum.

Addendum No. 1 is available online at www.snoco.org. In the search box, type in "*Plans and Reports*" and go to the Environmental Documents link. Additional copies of Addendum No. 1 are available for review or sale at the 2nd floor PDS office in the Snohomish County Administration West Building, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA 98201 or contact PDS at (425) 388-3311, Ext. 2206 to order copies. There is a charge for reproduction costs.

Your interest in Snohomish County is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions regarding the content of Addendum No. 1, please call Ryan Countryman, Senior Planner, (425) 388-3311, extension 2304.

Sincerely,

Clay White, Director
Planning & Development Services

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY ADDENDUM NO. 1
TO THE VISION 2040
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
AND NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

**Relating to the Growth Management Act (GMA),
Repealing the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) for
Snohomish County and
Adopting New CPPs for Snohomish County**

Prepared Consistent with

The Washington State Environmental Policy Act of 1971
Chapter 43.21C Revised Code of Washington
Chapter 197-11, Washington Administrative Code
Snohomish County Code Title 30



**Snohomish County
Department of Planning and Development Services**

Date of Issuance: April 21, 2011

FACT SHEET

Project Title:	Countywide Planning Policy Update for Snohomish County
Proposed Non-Project Action:	The proposed non-project action by the Snohomish County Council is to adopt an ordinance that repeals the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) and adopts new CPPs for Snohomish County.
Notice of Adoption	Snohomish County PDS adopts an existing environmental document, the Final EIS (FEIS) for VISION 2040, which was issued March 2008, by the Puget Sound Regional Council. PDS has identified and adopted this FEIS as being appropriate to this proposed non-project action. The FEIS meets Snohomish County's environmental review needs for the current proposal and will be transmitted to the county council with Snohomish County Addendum No. 1 to the VISION 2040 FEIS.
Purpose of the Addendum:	<p>Snohomish County Addendum No. 1 to the VISION 2040 FEIS adds information relating to the non-project programmatic county action described above. This information does not result in any new significant adverse environmental impacts and does not change the analysis of previously identified significant adverse impacts in the FEIS for VISION 2040.</p> <p>No additional significant impacts beyond those identified in the VISION 2040 FEIS are expected to occur. Revisions to the proposed non-project action may be considered during the public hearing process. To the extent that the existing environmental document (VISION 2040 FEIS) listed in this addendum has analyzed such revisions, no additional programmatic non-project level environmental review will be required.</p> <p>This addendum is being issued in accordance with WAC 197-11-625 and WAC 197-11-630. The adopted environmental document listed herein, together with this addendum, meet Snohomish County's environmental review needs for this non-project action.</p>
Description of Proposal:	<p>This ordinance would repeal and replace the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) in order to comply with recent amendments to the GMA and multi-county planning policies (MPPs). The proposed CPPs consist of new policies and modified versions of current CPPs that are consistent with Vision 2040 and the GMA. The proposed CPPs are reasonably related to and necessary for the advancement of the GMA goals found in RCW 36.70A.020. The proposed CPPs comply with the GMA requirements in RCW 36.70A.210 and RCW 36.70A.215.</p> <p>The proposed CPPs update the countywide planning framework from which "county and city comprehensive plans are [to be] developed" (RCW 36.70A.210). This framework is more useful to cities, the county, outside agencies, and the public if it is internally consistent and includes enough information to place the policy direction in a proper context. In many places, the proposed CPPs refine the current CPPs to make them more</p>

internally consistent, to provide additional context, and to improve the usefulness of the CPPs. These changes also represent local implementation of the general requirements for coordination of comprehensive plans (RCW 36.70A.100 and MPP-G-1 in Vision 2040).

The proposed CPPs reflect a careful balancing of the requirements found in: the MPPs in Vision 2040; the thirteen goals of GMA (RCW 36.70A.020); and the requirements for CPPs in Snohomish County under GMA (RCW 36.70A.210 and RCW 36.70A.215). Of these requirements, the MPPs in Vision 2040 have undergone the greatest degree of recent change. The majority of policy-level changes in the proposed CPPs reflect local implementation of regional policies adopted in Vision 2040. The proposed CPPs make changes to address the MPPs to include the addition of new topics and concepts from the MPPs that are directive to counties and cities. The proposed CPPs make changes to increase coordination and to facilitate a common vision between county and city plans with Vision 2040 to include the adoption of language from Vision 2040 into the narrative and policies in the CPP document.

The proposed CPPs contain a new chapter "Introduction to the Countywide Planning Policies." This chapter includes both modifications to currently adopted narrative and entirely new narrative. The proposed CPPs set the stage for cooperative action by creating a new chapter "Central Principles and Framework Policies."

The proposed CPPs contain a new chapter, "Development Patterns" (DP). This chapter emulates a chapter of the same title in Vision 2040 by centralizing three former CPP subheadings and most of their policies into one chapter. The former subheadings and policies are; Policies to Implement Urban Growth Areas (RCW 36.70A.110) [sic] and current Urban Growth Area (UG) policies; "Policies for Rural Land Use" and current Rural Land Use (RU) policies; and "Policies for the Promotion of Contiguous Orderly Development and Provision of Urban Services" and current Orderly Development (OD) policies. The proposed organizational structure will help ensure local implementation of the policies consistent with the policies in Vision 2040 (MPP-G-1) by facilitating policy coordination (RCW 36.70A.100).

The proposed CPPs modify the section "Policies for Economic Development and Employment and create a new chapter "Economic Development and Employment." Twelve of the policies in this new chapter are modifications to currently adopted policies and there are two new policies in response to Vision 2040.

The new CPPs modify the section "Policies for Transportation" and replace it with a new "Transportation" chapter. Changes in the narrative section provide additional context that is missing from current narrative. The first thirteen policies in this new chapter are modifications to currently adopted policies. Many modifications to current policies are non-substantive and provide consistency, formatting, and/or clarity. In addition to the modified policies, there are eleven new policies in response to Vision 2040.

The new CPPs contain a new chapter "The Natural Environment." This

new chapter responds to policies in the “Environment” chapter in Vision 2040 where current or modified CPPs in other chapters of these CPPs do not already provide an adequate degree of guidance for local comprehensive plans.

The new CPPs contain a new chapter “Public Services and Facilities.” This new chapter includes two subsections, “General Public Services” (PS) and “Essential Public Facilities” (EPF). The General Public Services policies respond to policies in the “Public Services” chapter of Vision 2040 that are not addressed by CPPs enacted elsewhere. The first eleven PS policies are new and in response to Vision 2040. The four remaining PS policies are modifications to current policies. The Essential Public Facilities subsection, which includes new EPF policies, replaces a section of the current CPPs “Policies for the Siting of Essential Public Capital Facilities of a Countywide or Statewide Nature.”

The new CPPs make several revisions to the appendices of the current CPPs. These revisions include: replacement of the current *Appendix A: County-Wide Policy Schedule* with a new *Appendix A – UGA and MUGA Boundary Maps* which now contains two maps previously in the current Appendix B; a new *Appendix E – Procedures for Buildable Lands Reporting in Response to GF-7* which replaces current subpolicies UG-14.a and UG-14.d; a new Appendix F replacing an illustrative list of issues for consideration in interlocal agreements (also ILAs) appearing in the current policy JP-1; a new *Appendix G – Definition of Key Terms* providing definitions for several terms in the CPPs that do not already have definition in state law or in Vision 2040; and a new *Appendix H – Fiscal Impact Analysis* replacing the current section of the CPPs titled *Fiscal Impact Analysis*.

The county council may consider additional amendments to the proposed ordinance including but not limited to Amendment Sheets 1 through 19 that were noticed for the county council public hearing on April 27, 2011. The amendment sheets include additional proposed policies, modification of proposed policies, and minor non-substantive corrections, additions, clarifications, rewording and formatting amendments.

Location of Proposal:	Snohomish County, its cities and towns, and the Tulalip Tribes
Action Sponsor/ Lead Agency:	Snohomish County Department of Planning & Development Services 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S 604 Everett, Washington 98201-4046
Required Approval/ Review:	Adoption of one or more ordinances updating the CPPs. Washington State Department of Commerce – coordination of state comments. Puget Sound Regional Council – review and certification of countywide planning policies.

**Circulation and
Comment:**

This Addendum is being circulated according to WAC 197-11-625.
Addendums do not require a comment period.

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Date of Issuance:

April 21, 2011

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Signature 
Clay White, Director

**Tentative date of
Adoption:**

Spring 2011, County Council adoption of the Countywide Planning
Policies Update.

Public Hearings:

County Council public hearings on the proposal will be held beginning on
April 27, 2011.

Documents:

Copies of the following documents are available for review at the offices of
Snohomish County Planning and Development Services (see address
above):

Three proposed ordinances comprising the Countywide Planning
Policies Update.

VISION 2040 Final Environmental Impact Statement, March 2008

PROPOSED ACTIONS AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Overview:

The adoption of the Countywide Planning Policies Update is a non-project action under the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). This Addendum is not intended to satisfy individual project action SEPA requirements (the review needed for a future site-specific land use or building permit application). This Addendum does not significantly change the analysis of impacts and alternatives contained in the VISION 2040 FEIS, nor does it identify new or significantly different impacts.

Prior Environmental Review

The elements of the environment addressed in the VISION 2040 FEIS include elements of both the natural and built environment: earth, air, water, plants and animals, energy and natural resources, environmental health, population and employment, land and shoreline use, transportation, public services, and utilities.

EIS Addendum Environmental Review

According to the SEPA Rules in WAC 197-11, an Addendum to an EIS provides additional analysis and/or information about a proposal or alternatives where their significant environmental impacts have been disclosed and identified in a previous environmental document (WAC 197-11-600(3)(b)(ii)). An Addendum is appropriate when the impacts of the new proposal are the same general types as those identified in prior documents and when the new analysis does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts and alternatives identified in the prior environmental documents (WAC 197-11-600(4)(e), WAC 197-11-706).

This Addendum is being issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-625 to meet the County's SEPA responsibility. The VISION 2040 FEIS evaluated alternatives and impacts that encompassed similar general policy direction, land use patterns, and environmental impacts that are expected to be associated with the proposal identified in this Addendum.

The proposal does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts described in the existing environmental documents. No additional significant impacts beyond those identified in the VISION 2040 FEIS are expected to occur.

APPENDIX A

Distribution List

Federal Agencies

U.S. Natural Resource Conservation
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
National Marine Fisheries
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service

State Agencies

The Office of the Governor
Department of Ecology
Department of Natural Resources
Department of Commerce
Department of Agriculture
Department of Social and Health Services
Utilities & Transportation Commission
Department of Corrections

Department of Fish & Wildlife
Department of Health
Department of Transportation
WA State Energy Office
Office of Archaeology and Historical Preservation
Parks and Recreation Commission
Department of Transportation, Northwest Region
Interagency Committee on Outdoor Recreation

Regional Agencies and Interest Groups

Puget Sound Partnership
Puget Sound Clean Air Agency

Puget Sound Regional Council
Regional Transit Authority

Snohomish County Agencies and Interest Groups

Snohomish County Department of Public Works
Snohomish County Sheriff
Snohomish County Surface Water Management Div.
1000 Friends of Snohomish County
Action Council for Esperance
Agriculture Tomorrow
Arlington Heights Comm.
Canyon Firs Homeowners Assn.
Community Transit
Crestline Estates Action
Economic Development Council of Snohomish Co.
Edmonds Chamber of Commerce
Everett Chamber of Commerce
Everett Transit
Friends of Florence Acres
Futurewise
Housing Authority of Snohomish County
Jordan Road Citizens
Kayak Pt. Citizens Group
League of Women Voters
Little Bear Cr. Protective Assn.
Martha Lake Community Club
Martha Lake Homeowners
Master Builders Assoc. of King and Snohomish Co.

Snohomish County Parks and Recreation Department
Snohomish County Solid Waste Division
Snohomish Health District
McKee's Evergreen Beach
Newberg Organization
North Creek Rural Areas
North Marysville Citizens
Picnic Point Community
Pilchuck Audubon Society
Possession Bay Association
Professional Consultants of Snohomish County
Silver Lake Action Comm.
Smartgrowth Campaign
Snohomish Arlington Trail Coalition
Snohomish County Conservation District
Snohomish County/Camano Island Board of Realtors
Snohomish Wetlands Alliance
So. Snohomish. Co. Chamber of Commerce
Sound Transit
Stillaguamish Citizens Alliance
Swamp Creek Locust Way
Tom Ehrlichman
Wandering Creek Homes

Neighboring Planning Departments

Island County Planning Dept.
Skagit County Planning Dept.

King Co. Dev. & Environ. Services Dept.
Chelan County Planning Dept.

Tribes

Muckleshoot Tribes
Sauk/Suiattle Tribe

Tulalip Tribes
Stillaguamish Tribe

Utilities

Alderwood Water District
Lake Stevens Sewer District
Olympic View Water and Sewer District
Silver Lake Water and Sewer
Snohomish County PUD No. 1
Highland Water Assn.
Seven Lakes Water Assn.
Sky Meadow Water Assn., Inc.
Puget Sound Energy

Cross Valley Water District
METRO
Mukilteo Water District
Diking District #2
Cascade Natural Gas
Roosevelt Water Assn.
Three Lakes Water Assn.
King Co. Wastewater Treatment Division

Cities

City of Arlington
City of Brier
City of Edmonds
City of Gold Bar
Town of Index
City of Lynnwood
City of Mill Creek
City of Mountlake Terrace
City of Snohomish
City of Sultan
Tulalip Tribes

City of Bothell
Town of Darrington
City of Everett
City of Granite Falls
City of Lake Stevens
City of Marysville
City of Monroe
City of Mukilteo
City of Stanwood
Town of Woodway

School Districts

Arlington School District
Edmonds School District #15
Granite Falls School District
Lake Stevens School District
Marysville School District
Mukilteo School District
Snohomish School District
Sultan School District

Darrington School District
Everett School District
Index School District
Lakewood School District
Monroe School District
Northshore School District
Stanwood School District

Fire Districts & Ports

Fire District 1 South County
Fire District 4 Snohomish
Fire District 7 Clearview
Fire District 10 Bothell
Fire District 12 Marysville
Fire District 15 Tulalip
Fire District 17 Granite Falls
Fire District 19 Silvana
Fire District 21 Arlington
Fire District 23 Robe
Fire District 25 Oso
Fire District 27 Hat Island
Paine Field Fire District

Fire District 3 Monroe
Fire District 5 Sultan
Fire District 8 Lake Stevens
Fire District 11 Silver Lakes
No. County Regional Fire Authority
Fire District 16 Lake Roesiger
Fire District 28 Index
Fire District 22 Getchell
Fire District 24 Darrington
Fire District 26 Gold Bar
Port of Everett
Port of Edmonds

Newspapers

The Herald
Arlington Times

Lake Stevens Journal
Seattle Times-North Bureau

Snohomish County Tribune
Mukilteo Beacon
Monroe Monitor
Marysville Globe
Bothell-Kenmore Reporter

Libraries

Arlington Library
Brier Public Library
Edmonds Public Library
Granite Falls Library
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Mountlake Terrace Library
Sno-Isle Regional Library
Stanwood Library

Mill Creek Enterprise
Woodinville Weekly
Enterprise Newspaper
The Edmonds Beacon

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